

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 00969 202000 Z

42

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 EB-11 COME-00 TRSE-00 CIEP-02 FRB-02

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10

PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-12 STR-08 OMB-01 RSR-01

/117 W

----- 127392

R 191654 Z APR 73

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 915

INFO ALL AMCONSULS IN CANADA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE OTTAWA 969

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PRCU, CA

SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR GOC LONGEVITY.

REF : OTTAWA 747

1. GOC HAS POSTPONED POSSIBLE CRISIS ON THE TAX LEGISLATION DESCRIBED REFTEL BY SIMPLE EXPEDIENT OF NOT PRESENTING IT. PARLIAMENT RISES TODAY APR 18, AND WILL NOT RESUME SESSION UNTIL MAY 7. FINANCE MINISTER TURNER IS APPARENTLY STILL COMMITTED TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING CORPORATE TAX REDUCTIONS, AND EXPECTS "CONFRONTATION" ON THE ISSUE IN COMMONS. TIMING IS VERY FLEXIBLE, HOWEVER, AND EXACT FORM IN WHICH LEGISLATION WILL BE PRESENTED HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED.

2. PRIMIN TRUDEAU, ENCOURAGED BY RECENT GALLUP POLL SHOWING LIBERAL GAINS AND CONSERVATIVE LOSSES SINCE LAST OCTOBER' S ELECTIONS, TOLD ENTHUSIASTIC ONTARIO LIBERAL GROUP APRIL 15 THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION LEAVING OFFICE OR CALLING EARLY ELECTIONS. HE LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT IN COMMONS, BUT LIBERALS WILL LIKELY TRY TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO ELECTIONS BEFORE AUTUMN. SUMMER CALENDAR IS FULL, WITH QUEEN' S VISIT IN EARLY JULY, COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 00969 202000 Z

GOVERNMENT IN AUGUST, AND SEVERAL FEDERAL- PROVINCIAL CONFERENCES, MAKING SUMMER ELECTIONS SINGULARLY UNAPPEALING. SPECULATION HERE IS THAT CORPORATE TAX CUTS WILL BE INTRODUCED BUT SHIELDED IN PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS UNTILL SUMMER RECESS. THEREAFTER, IN WHAT LIBERALS EXPECT WILL BE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE GENERATED BY THE SUMMER' S EVENTS, LIBERALS WOULD BRING TAX CUTS TO A VOTE AND BE QUITE PREPARED TO GO TO THE PEOPLE ON THAT OR OTHER ISSUES.

3. BUSINESS COMMUNITY WILL NOT BE PLEASED BY FURTHER DELAY. EMBASSY IS ALSO AWARE OF UNAHPPINESS AMONG SOME LIBERAL AND NDP MP' S, WHO FEEL UNEASY PARLIAMENTARY ALLIANCE MAY HURT THEM AT HOME. THESE CONCERNS EASED BY GALLUP POLL, HOWEVER, AND PREVAILING FEELING IS THAT HAVING COME THIS FAR IT IS WORTH CONTINUING AT LEAST TILL FALL.
SCHMIDT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts:
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 APR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973OTTAWA00969
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: n/a
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: OTTAWA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730452/aaaaixug.tel
Line Count: 84
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 OTTAWA 747
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10-Sep-2001 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <09-Nov-2001 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 980203
Subject: PROSPECTS FOR GOC LONGEVITY.
TAGS: PINT, PRCU, CA, PINT
To: CANADA
EUR
SECSTATE WASHDC
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005